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Cambodian Hope

Organisation is a non-profit charity based in Poipet and dedicated to bringing God's love in Cambodia.

This month we're looking for your prayer and support for many of the challenges faced by Safe Haven School

Want to join the mailing list?

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SAFE HAVEN SCHOOL: WHAT WE DO



Safe Haven School aims to bring free, quality education to children from underprivileged backgrounds in Koun Damrei. The families of many of the 380 students are either unable to access education due to their distance from cities or financially unequipped to support their children through school.

The school's motto, "Hope for Our Future," represents their ambition to see the children of today's Cambodia become the young leaders and world-changers of tomorrow.

Founded firmly on the teaching of the gospel, Safe Haven aims to teach the children how to lead lives that bring glory to God through their actions and their behaviour.

Safe Haven School is taught by

volunteer teachers with some English seeking to make a change to the landscape of education in their local communities.

Safe Haven is also greatly blessed by overseas volunteers, especially those who stay for six months or more and leave a positive impact on teaching at Safe Haven by sharing their cultural and academic knowledge.

Under pressure from changing cultural climate and the developments of a modern society, Safe Haven School regularly faces difficulties that have only been overcome in the past by the prayer and diligent work of its volunteers.

Find out what you can do to help bring hope to all our futures.



WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

Pupils and teachers at the school share their hopes and dreams for Safe Haven



Pictured: 11-year-old Ravady

Chouny Ravady, 11, studies in grade 5 at Safe Haven. Like other students her age, her classes include English, Khmer, science, maths and computer

technology. She enjoys learning at Safe Haven because “I get a lot of knowledge from the teachers and have a lot of good friends.” Though she hopes to be a doctor in the future, Ravady says “I want to learn [at Safe Haven] for a long time.”

Khem Bunny, 32, is the Vice Principal of Safe Haven School. He has taught for 10 years and has always had dreams of where he wants the school to go in the future.



Pictured: Vice Principal Bunny

“In the future, I hope Safe Haven School will be the best school in the area...” In two years, he plans for Safe Haven to teach students at high school level too. But in all this, he maintains “I always work by heart.”

At its heart, Safe Haven is dedicated to working for Jesus in the children and their communities. Through giving them an opportunity to learn in a free and caring environment, Safe Haven equips children to avoid the common snares of trafficking and poverty and grow as leaders inside and outside Cambodia.

Chomno In, 58, is the founder of Cambodian Hope Organisation and Safe Haven School. “Children are the future of



Pictured: Mr Chomno In

the country,” he says. “To help the country, we need to provide quality education. I want to see some of [the children] become leaders with Godly hearts to help the nation.” He is enthusiastic to partner with organisations from other countries and widely accepts volunteers, but he says the main way we can help is by persistence in prayer. He affirms, “The main point, for me, was not just to provide fiscal help but spiritual hope. My dream was for the community to be one church.”

FOUNDING THE FUTURE OF SAFE HAVEN



Pictured: the foundations for the new building at Safe Haven

As Safe Haven School grows, it hopes to be a refuge for more children from the villages around Koun Damrei and Poipet. Plans are underway to construct new buildings on campus to allow for more classrooms and to accommodate students unable to travel between home and school.

Currently, Safe Haven has ten classes, from kindergarten level to grade 6, but they hope to devote more classes to older years and extend to include high school education.

The foundations have already been laid, but an estimated \$38 000 will be needed to make this dream a reality.

If you want to get involved, either by volunteering or donating to Cambodian Hope Organisation, please contact litajump04@gmail.com or chomno_in@yahoo.com, or follow the link to watch our video: <https://youtu.be/-0YUMfAyVLw>

PRAYER POINTS...

CHO believes that prayer is a fundamental root of what we do. Without the support of our dedicated Christian family, we would never have come this far. Please pray for...

TEACHERS

At the moment there are too few teachers to sufficiently support the school's children, and many of them speak little English. Pray for more teachers from different backgrounds who want to provide hope and a future for Cambodia's children.

RESOURCES

With the number of attending students rising, teaching resources and finances are becoming increasingly difficult to source. Pray for provision and support from volunteers and like-minded organisations.

ELECTRICITY

As global warming increases, the water sources that support much of Cambodia's electrical power are drying up, leading to frequent power cuts. Please pray for funds to buy a sustainable generator and a voltage transformer to prevent damage caused by power surges.